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S.B. No. 29

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 29:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring public school students to compete in
3 interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study
4 conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects
5 of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition
6 designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

8 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
9 amended by adding Section 33.0832 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 33.0832. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION BASED
11 ON SEX. (a) In this section, "league" means the University
12 Interscholastic League.

13 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an
14 interscholastic athletic team sponsored or authorized by a school
15 district or open-enrollment charter school may not allow a student
16 to compete in an interscholastic athletic competition sponsored or
17 authorized by the district or school that is designated for the sex
18 opposite to the student's sex as correctly stated on:

19 (1) the student's official birth certificate; or

20 (2) if the student's official birth certificate is
21 unobtainable, another government record.

22 (c) An interscholastic athletic team described by
23 Subsection (b) may allow a female student to compete in an
24 interscholastic athletic competition that is designated for male

1 students if a corresponding interscholastic athletic competition
2 designated for female students is not offered or available.

3 (d) The league shall conduct a study to determine if
4 allowing a student to participate in an interscholastic athletic
5 competition that is sponsored or authorized by a school district or
6 open-enrollment charter school and is designated for the sex
7 opposite to the student's sex:

8 (1) causes disruptions among the student's
9 interscholastic athletic team; or

10 (2) restricts opportunities for students of the sex
11 for which the competition is designated.

12 (e) Not later than December 1, 2026, the league shall submit
13 to the legislature a report on the results of the study conducted
14 under Subsection (d) and any recommendations for legislative or
15 other action.

16 (f) The league shall adopt rules to implement this section,
17 provided that the rules must be approved by the commissioner in
18 accordance with Section [33.083](#)(b).

19 (g) This section expires September 1, 2027.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.